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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK ON ASEAN

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1. FONMIN MALIK HAS CONFIRMED PRESS REPORTS THAT THE ASEAN CHIEFS OF STATE WILL HOLD A SUMMIT MEETING "PROBABLY IN AUGUSTI IN KUALA LUMPUR OR PENANG. MALIK STRESSED THAT THE MEETING IS "UNOFFICIAL" AND CLAIMED IT IS PRIMARILY AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE LEADERS "TO PLAY GOLF TOGETHER." HE ALLOWED THAT SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES WERE LIKELY TO BE DISCUSSED "INFORMALLY" BUT WAS UNWILLING TO PINPOINT THEM OR PREDICT ANY SUBSTANTIVE AGREEMENT ON SIGNIFICANT ASEAN ISSUES. BECAUSE THE MEETING IS UNOFFICIAL, ACCORDING TO MALIK, JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER "FUKUDA WILL NOT BE ISSUED AN INVITATION", BUT THE PLAY GOLF WITH HIM IF HE WISHES END QUOTE. MALIK SAID THAT JAPAN'S PARTICIPATION IN ASEAN DISCUSSIONS WAS ALSAYS APPROPRIATE BECAUSE QUOTE JAPAN PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE ECONOM OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ASEA END QUOTE.

2. ON RELATED ASEAN MATTERS, MALIK SAID THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS WOULD MEET ON FEBRUARY 24 IN MANILA, TO SIGN THE JUST DRAFTED PREFERENTIAL TRADE AGREEMENT, MAKE PLANS FOR THE SUMMIT AND MARK THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE BALI MEETING. (NOTE: EARLIER PRESS ACCOUNTS IN INDONESIA, AND REFTEL, STATE THAT THE

FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING WILL BE HELD IN KUALA LUMPUR).

MALIK TOOK CARE TO REASSURE THE IDONESIAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY
THAT ITS "INTERESTS WOULD BE GUARDED" IN CARRYING OUT THE TRADE
AGREEMENT. STATING THAT A CARDINAL PRINCIPLE OF ASEAN
COOPERATION WAS THAT NO MEMBER SHOULD PROFIT AT THE EXPENSE OF
OTHER MEMBERS, MALIK CITED TWO FACTORS WHICH REQUIRED THAT INDONESIA
BE GIVEN SPECIAL CONSIDERATION IN TRADE MATTERS. FIRST,
INDONESIA'S INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT LAGS BEHIND THAT OF THE OTHER
ASEAN MEMBERS, AND SECOND, INDONESIA'S HUGE POPULATION IS POTENTIALLY
A MUCH BETTER MARKET FOR IMPORTS FROM THE OTHER ASEAN STATES THAN
VICE VERSA.
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